

**Budget and Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2002 - 10:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Committee Chairperson Joan Delabreau called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present: Sarah Skubitz, Anthony Waupochick Sr., Kathy Kaquatosh, Linda Zablocki and Dan Maine. Also present was Devin Wynos, Kristy Arnold and Pat Corn.

2. Moment of Silence - A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes from July, August and September

Motion made by Sarah Skubitz to approve the minutes from July, August and September. Seconded by Anthony Waupochick, Sr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

4. Reserve Determination

Committee briefly discussed the reserve account and how important it is to the tribe to build the amount back up. No amount was settled on, no action taken.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to suspend the agenda and move to number seven (other business). Seconded by Sarah Skubitz. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

There were people from the Shawano Humane Society present at the meeting to request support from the Tribe. Dr. Bar, a Veterinarian from the Human Society stated that in an average year, the number of animals brought into the shelter is around 1200. Of that 1200 there is about 10% that come from the reservation. Every time an animal comes in, there is a cost to see if they are adoptable, plus costs for shots and food. Dr. Bar stated that she went to Shawano County and they are contributing \$3,000. Dr. Bar would like the tribe and also the county to make some kind of contribution.

Committee wanted to know why the animals are being taken to the shelter when there is a dog catcher being paid through the tribe. Dr. Bar stated that from what she understands, the dog catcher here automatically kills the animals and many people don't want to see the animals killed and that's why they bring them to the shelter.

Committee reviewed a list that Dr. Bar had off all the names of people from the reservation that dropped animals off at the shelter.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to table the Humane Society request until we receive more information from Menominee Tribal Police Department and Licensing. Seconded by Linda Zablocki. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

Committee briefly discussed a regular meeting date.

Motion made by Sarah Skubitz to set the regular meeting day for the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Anthony Waupochick. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

5. **Budget Modification Procedures**

Kathy stated that the Directors know the budget modification procedure and it is in the financial manual but the problem is, when the Directors try to slip a modification they shouldn't through.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding travel and training. Chairperson Delabreau stated that it is in the hands of Linda and Kathy whether they think a department should be allowed to send employee's to training.

Sarah brought up the fact that the Tribe pays for a lot of continuing education and she believes it should stop. The people who are getting their education paid for by the tribe already make very decent incomes.

Motion made to refer the continuing education questions on impacts on budgets and licensing issues to the Human Resource Department and the appropriate committee. Seconded by Anthony Waupochick Sr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

6. **Fiscal Year 2003 Budget**

Kathy stated that as of today most of the departments are coming in under budget with the exception of the departments that came to the Legislature.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the 2003 budget and Chairperson Delabreau stated that we are into our second payroll and still not receiving money. The Budget Committee made the recommendation that lay offs take place and the Legislature approved it. It's up to Chairperson Waukau and Tribal Administrator to make sure that it is followed through.

Linda stated that she will have an emergency Director's meeting to discuss the options.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the Tribal Resources Grant Program. Linda submitted a request for the committee to approve a grant match for the Menominee Tribal Police Department. MTPD received a grant to purchase updated radios and 21 computers and 8 laptops and the total amount of the request is \$159,012. The tribe would have to pay \$54,591 for the grant match. Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue. Committee members questioned why the police need so many new computers. Committee understands about the radios but by approving the grant match, it will just about diminish the grant match budget for this year. Committee wasn't comfortable approving the request due to the fact that we are only a couple of weeks into this fiscal year and the budget for grant matches is only \$75,000. Committee is concerned that some really important grants may come in and need matches and then the money won't be there.

Motion made by Sarah Skubitz to table the Tribal Resources Grant Program for the Menominee Tribal Police Department. Seconded by Anthony Waupochick Sr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Sarah Skubitz to adjourn. Seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services